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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chairman and Members,  
National Security Council Intelligence  
Committee

SUBJECT : DCI Proposal to Declassify "the fact of"  
Satellite Photographic Reconnaissance

1. Reference is the Chairman, NSCIC memorandum of 10 October to the NSCIC members, subject "Action Program for the NSCIC Working Group." Among other things, this memorandum tasked the Working Group to review the DCI letter of 21 August on "Modification of Security Classification" and make a report to the NSCIC. 146580

2. This review was accomplished at the Working Group meeting of 30 October, and included discussion of the Secretary of Defense letter of 22 August, which commented on the DCI proposal, as well as the DCI memorandum. 74-2555

3. The Working Group considered the DCI had well summarized the pros and cons of the issue in his memorandum and it concluded there is little to be gained and much that could be lost by declassifying "the fact of" satellite photographic reconnaissance.

4. The Working Group recommends that the NSCIC approve retention of the present SECRET classification on "the fact of" satellite photographic reconnaissance.

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Samuel V. Wilson  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Chairman, Working Group

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Remarks:

Fair enough -  
Be sure it goes on  
the NSCIC agenda,  
& I'll speak my  
piece there -

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